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1) Responsive to communication(s) filed	on <u>10 <i>January</i> 2002</u> .				
2a)☐ This action is FINAL . 2b	2a) This action is FINAL . 2b) This action is non-final.				
3) Since this application is in condition fo	·	-			
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Disposition of Claims					
4)⊠ Claim(s) <u>1-21</u> is/are pending in the app	olication.				
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5) Claim(s) is/are allowed.					
6)⊠ Claim(s) <u>1-21</u> is/are rejected.					
7) Claim(s) is/are objected to.	•				
8) Claim(s) are subject to restriction	on and/or election requiremer	it.			
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DETAILED ACTION

This office action is a first action on the merits of this application. Claims 1-21 are presented for further examination.

Priority

1. The effective filing date for the subject matter defined in the pending claims in this application is 1/10/2001.

Specification

- 2. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because it exceeds the 150-word limit. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).
- 3. The specification is objected to for not cross-referencing co-pending applications 10/043426 and 10/044114 in the section entitled CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS.

Double Patenting

The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and, *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

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A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

- 4. Claims 1-21 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-29 of copending Application No. 10/043426. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other. Refer to the tables and remarks below for specific claim mappings and further explanation.
- 5. Claims 1-21 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-35 of copending Application No. 10/044114. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other. Refer to the tables and remarks below for specific claim mappings and further explanation.
- 6. This is a <u>provisional</u> obviousness-type double patenting rejection because the conflicting claims have not in fact been patented.
- 7. In the instant application, claim 17 substantially incorporates the limitations of independent claims 1, 5, 9, 10, and 11. Similarly claim 26 of application 10/043426 substantially

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incorporates the limitations of independent claims 1, 11, 20, 21, 22; and claim 35 of application 10/044114 substantially incorporates the limitations of independent claims 1 and 29. Thus, the limitations of claim 17 in the instant application are mapped to the limitations of claim 26 application 10/043426 and claim 35 application 10/044114 to form the basis for the double patenting rejection.

8. Claim 17 of the instant application is system for remotely monitoring or controlling devices in an enterprise, while claim 26 of co-pending application 10/043426 is directed to a method for accessing such a system. The system of claim 17 must be used to execute the method of claim 26, since claim 26 claims the same system structure as claim 17 of the instant application, thus the co-pending claim 26 is not patentably distinct. Regarding co-pending application 10/044114, claim 35 of the co-pending application is directed to a substantially identical system as claim 17 of the instant application and is therefore not patentably distinct. Refer to the claim mappings below for further explanation.

Co-pending Application # 10/043426 Claim 26	Instant Application # 10/044632 Claim 17
26. A method for remotely accessing and	17. A transferential system for remotely
viewing information about an enterprise,	monitoring or controlling devices in an
comprising the steps of:	enterprise, comprising:
accessing a transferential system that has the	
following characteristics:	
a server group including at least two servers,	a server group including at least two servers,
said servers providing redundancy of	said servers providing redundancy of

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operation, at least one non-volatile memory	operation; at least one non-volatile memory
device incorporated to said server group,	device incorporated to said server group;
See the limitation a superintendent system	a central information system in electronic
below.	communication with said server group through
	said server network hardware;
See the limitation at least one enterprise device	enterprise devices in electronic communication
below.	with said server group through said server
·	network hardware;
server network hardware connected to said	server network hardware connected to said
server group, said server network hardware	server group, said server network hardware
including a gateway, said server network	including a gateway, said server network
hardware being configurable to provide	hardware providing encrypted electronic
encrypted electronic communication between	communication between said server group and
said server group and a superintendent system	said central information system through said
through said gateway, said server network	gateway, said server network hardware further
hardware being further configurable to provide	providing electronic communication between
electronic communication between said server	said server group and said enterprise devices;
group and at least one enterprise device in	
communicative proximity;	
Superintendent system monitor displaying	at least one notification device connected to
received messages (instructions 1-3 show the	and controllable by said central information

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message transfer). system whereby an administrator may be notified of enterprise status; at least one display device connected to said central information system providing display facilities to administrators; 1-10 computer readable instructions 1-10 computer readable instructions a cabinet housing said server group, a first a cabinet housing said server group; a first network enabled temperature sensor, said first network enabled temperature sensor, said first temperature sensor positioned to monitor the temperature sensor positioned to monitor the temperature of the air at the interior of said temperature of the air at the interior of said cabinet, a second network enabled temperature cabinet; a second network enabled temperature sensor, said second temperature sensor sensor, said second temperature sensor positioned to monitor the temperature of the air positioned to monitor the temperature of the air outside said cabinet, at least one door included outside said cabinet; at least one door included in said cabinet whereby access to said server in said cabinet whereby access to said server group is restricted when said doors are in group is restricted when said doors are in closed position, locks included in said doors closed position; locks included in said doors whereby said doors may be secured in a closed whereby said doors may be secured in a closed position, said locks enabled to unlock through position, said locks enabled to unlock through an electronic command message from a an electronic command message from a central superintendent system, a data entry device information system; a data entry device connected to said locks, said data entry device connected to said locks, said data entry device

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being mounted to said cabinet, said data entry device providing a human interface external to the cabinet enclosure; said locks enabled to be unlocked through said data entry device, a network enabled camera whereby a space in proximity to said server group may be monitored, an alarm in proximity to said server group, a network enabled power controller connected to and being configurable to control the power of at least one server of said server group, said power controller being configurable to accept network commands from a superintendent system,

being mounted to said cabinet, said data entry device providing a human interface external to the cabinet enclosure; said locks enabled to be unlocked through said data entry device; an alarm in proximity to said server group; a network enabled power controller connected to and being configurable to control the power of at least one server of said server group, said power controller being configurable to accept network commands from a central information system;

Co-pending Application # 10/044114 Claim 35	Instant Application # 10/044632 Claim 17
35. A reporting and maintenance system for	17. A transferential system for remotely
remotely monitoring or controlling devices in	monitoring or controlling devices in an
an enterprise, comprising:	enterprise, comprising:
a server group including at least two servers,	a server group including at least two servers,
said servers providing redundancy of	said servers providing redundancy of
operation; at least one non-volatile memory	operation; at least one non-volatile memory

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device incorporated to said server group;	device incorporated to said server group;
See the limitation a superintendent system	a central information system in electronic
below.	communication with said server group through
	said server network hardware;
See the limitation at least one enterprise device	enterprise devices in electronic communication
below.	with said server group through said server
	network hardware;
server network hardware connected to said	server network hardware connected to said
server group, said server network hardware	server group, said server network hardware
including a gateway, said server network	including a gateway, said server network
hardware being configurable to provide	hardware providing encrypted electronic
encrypted electronic communication between	communication between said server group and
said server group and a superintendent system	said central information system through said
through said gateway, said server network	gateway, said server network hardware further
hardware being further configurable to provide	providing electronic communication between
electronic communication between said server	said server group and said enterprise devices;
group and at least one enterprise device in	
communicative proximity;	
Superintendent system monitor displaying	at least one notification device connected to
received messages (instructions 1-3 show the	and controllable by said central information

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message transfer). system whereby an administrator may be notified of enterprise status; at least one display device connected to said central information system providing display facilities to administrators; 1-10 computer readable instructions 1-10 computer readable instructions a cabinet housing said server group; a first a cabinet housing said server group; a first network enabled temperature sensor, said first network enabled temperature sensor, said first temperature sensor positioned to monitor the temperature sensor positioned to monitor the temperature of the air at the interior of said temperature of the air at the interior of said cabinet; a second network enabled temperature cabinet; a second network enabled temperature sensor, said second temperature sensor sensor, said second temperature sensor positioned to monitor the temperature of the air positioned to monitor the temperature of the air outside said cabinet; at least one door included outside said cabinet; at least one door included in said cabinet whereby access to said server in said cabinet whereby access to said server group is restricted when said doors are in group is restricted when said doors are in closed position; locks included in said doors closed position; locks included in said doors whereby said doors may be secured in a closed whereby said doors may be secured in a closed position, said locks enabled to unlock through position, said locks enabled to unlock through an electronic command message from a an electronic command message from a central superintendent system; a data entry device information system; a data entry device connected to said locks, said data entry device connected to said locks, said data entry device

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being mounted to said cabinet, said data entry device providing a human interface external to the cabinet enclosure; said locks enabled to be unlocked through said data entry device; a network enabled camera whereby a space in proximity to said server group may be monitored; an alarm in proximity to said server group; a network enabled power controller connected to and being configurable to control the power of at least one server of said server group, said power controller being configurable to accept network commands from a superintendent system;

being mounted to said cabinet, said data entry device providing a human interface external to the cabinet enclosure; said locks enabled to be unlocked through said data entry device; an alarm in proximity to said server group; a network enabled power controller connected to and being configurable to control the power of at least one server of said server group, said power controller being configurable to accept network commands from a central information system;

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

9. Claims 11 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

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10. Claims 11 and 17 both recite the limitation "said server network hardware" in line 4. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. It is noted that server network hardware is later defined in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

- 11. Claims 1, 3-5, and 7-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Barker et al. (U.S. Patent Number 6,363,421; hereinafter Barker).
- 12. Regarding claims 1 and 5, Barker discloses a reporting and maintenance system for remotely monitoring or controlling devices in an enterprise, the devices communicating in at least one enterprise management protocol, said reporting and maintenance system comprising:
 - a server group including at least one server (Figure 2, Component 32), said server group including network hardware (network connections Figure 3);
 - at least one non-volatile memory device incorporated to said server group (inherent for the server to operate);

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an enterprise including at least one enterprise device (Figure 2, Network Element 14), said enterprise being connected to said server group through said network hardware (Figure 3);

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- a central information system (enterprise management system for claim 5) connected to said server group through said network hardware (Figure 2, Element Management System Client), said central information system including facilities for the display of the state of said enterprise devices to administrators (Col 5, lines 2-16);
- at least one notification device operable by said central information system whereby administrators may be interruptedly alerted to the state of said enterprise devices (Java Applets, Col 5, lines 11-23);
- a receiver incorporated with said server group (SNMP Mediator), said receiver receiving first messages from said enterprise devices in at least one enterprise management protocol (SNMP) (Col 21, lines 25-27), said first messages containing status information of the sending enterprise devices (Col 4, lines 45-47);
- a forwarder incorporated with said server group, said forwarder forwarding the information contained in the first messages to said central information system (Col 17, lines 5-18); and
- a filter incorporated with said server group, said filter filtering the first messages such that the forwarder is prevented from forwarding of some of the first messages (Col 17, lines 5-18).
- 13. Regarding claim 9, Barker discloses a reporting and maintenance system, comprising:

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a server group including at least one server (Figure 2, Element Management System Server); at least one non-volatile memory device incorporated to said server group (inherent);

- connections between the devices), said server network hardware being configurable to provide electronic communication between said server group and a superintendent system (Figure 2, Element Management System Client), said server network hardware being further configurable to provide electronic communication between said server group and at least one enterprise device (Figure 2, Network Element);
- computer readable instructions installed to said memory devices, said instructions providing the functions of:
- (i) receiving first messages from enterprise devices in at least one enterprise management protocol (Traps Col 21, lines 25-27);
- (ii) filtering the first messages, the filtering preventing the forwarding of some of the first messages (Col 17, lines 5-18);
- (iii) translating the first received messages to a second protocol (Col 21, lines 31-32);
- (iv) forwarding the information contained in the first messages to a superintendent system (Col 17, lines 5-18);
- (v) receiving second messages from a superintendent system, said second messages referencing at least one enterprise device; (vi) forwarding the information in the second messages to the referenced enterprise devices; (vii) receiving third messages from the referenced enterprise devices responding to the forwarding of the

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information in the second messages; and (viii) forwarding the information in the third messages to a superintendent system (Client Command Request and Response process, see example Col 22 lines 46- Col 23 line 4).

- 14. Regarding claims 3 and 7, Barker discloses a translator incorporated with said server group, said translator translating the first received messages to a second protocol used by said forwarder (Col 21, lines 31-34).
- 15. Regarding claims 4 and 8, Barker discloses said server network hardware provides encrypted communication between said server group and the central information system (Col 8, lines 45-49).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

- (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.
- 16. Claims 2 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Barker et al. (U.S. Patent Number 6,363,421; hereinafter Barker).
- 17. Regarding claims 2 and 6, Barker discloses a forwarder for forwarding the information contained in the first messages (Col 17, lines 5-18). Barker fails to disclose sending the messages in a preferential order by an assigned priority from the server group to the central information server. However, Barker does disclose that enterprise devices send traps to the server group in a preferential order by an assigned priority so the server group is not

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overwhelmed, a form of overload control (Col 34, lines 51-60). Barker further discloses that client (central information servers) overload may be a problem so overload controls should be implemented to restrict client overload (Col 29, lines 41-53). Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the in the art at the time of the invention to implement the enterprise device overload controls within the server group, in order to prevent the central information server from being overloaded with messages.

- 18. Claims 10-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Barker et al. (U.S. Patent Number 6,363,421; hereinafter Barker) and Fowler et al. (U.S. Patent Number 6,714,977; hereinafter Fowler) and Sampson ("Unicenter TNG for Dummies") and the knowledge of one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention.
- 19. Regarding claim 17, Barker discloses a transferential system for remotely monitoring or controlling devices in an enterprise, comprising:
 - a server group including at least one server (Figure 2, Element Management System Server);
 - at least one non-volatile memory device incorporated to said server group (inherent);
 - enterprise devices in electronic communication with said server group through said server network hardware (Figure 2, Network Element);
 - a central information system in electronic communication with said server group through said server network hardware (Figure 2, Element Management System Client);

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server network hardware connected to said server group, said server network
 hardware including a gateway (inherent for network connection communication, see
 connections in Figure 3),

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- said server network hardware providing encrypted electronic communication between said server group and said central information system through said gateway (Col 8, lines 45-49), said server network hardware further providing electronic communication between said server group and said enterprise devices (Figure 3, network connections);
- at least one notification device connected to and controllable by said central information system whereby an administrator may be notified of enterprise status (Java Applets, Col 5, lines 11-23);
- at least one display device connected to said central information system providing display facilities to administrators (Col 5, lines 2-16);
- instructions providing the function of receiving first messages from enterprise devices in at least one enterprise management protocol including version 1 of SNMP (Traps), said first computer readable instructions providing a message gateway (SNMP Mediator) (Col 21, lines 25-27);
- second computer readable instructions installed to said memory devices, said second instructions providing the function of forwarding the information contained in the first messages to a central information system by a notification channel (Col 17, lines 5-18). Barker fails to disclose sending the messages in a preferential order by an

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assigned priority from the server group to the central information server. However, Barker does disclose that enterprise devices send traps to the server group in a preferential order by an assigned priority so the server group is not overwhelmed, a form of overload control (Col 34, lines 51-60). Barker further discloses that client (central information servers) overload may be a problem so overload controls should be implemented to restrict client overload (Col 29, lines 41-53). Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the in the art at the time of the invention to implement the enterprise device overload controls within the server group, in order to prevent the central information server from being overloaded with messages.

- third computer readable instructions installed to said memory devices, said third instructions providing the function of filtering the first messages, the filtering preventing the forwarding of some of the first messages, said filtering prescribed by policy (filter) (Col 17, lines 5-18);
- o fourth computer readable instructions installed to said memory devices, said fourth instructions providing the function of assigning priority to the information in said first messages (Col 34, lines 51-60);
- instructions providing the function of translating the first received messages to a second protocol, said first, second, third, fourth, and fifth computer readable instructions providing an event translator (Col 21, lines 31-32);

The following instructions (6-8) relate to a client issuing a command. (i.e. a command from the central information system routed through the server group to an

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enterprise device. See example (Col 22, line 46 –Col 23, line 6) and the references below.

- instructions providing the function of receiving second messages from a central information system through a notification channel, said second messages referencing at least one enterprise device (Col 22, lines 49-59);
- seventh computer readable instructions installed to said memory devices, said
 instructions providing the function of translating the second received messages to an
 enterprise management protocol utilized by the referenced enterprise devices (Col 19, lines 13-23);
- eighth computer readable instructions installed to said memory devices, said instructions providing the function of forwarding the information in the second messages to the referenced enterprise devices in at least one enterprise management protocol including version 1 of the simple network management protocol (Col 22, lines 64-67) or (Col 19, lines 55-60),
- said sixth, seventh, and eighth computer readable instructions providing an SNMP translator (Col 19, lines 13-23);
- a said tenth instructions providing the function of receiving a software upgrade from a central information system, said tenth instructions also providing the function of delivering the software upgrade to enterprise devices (Col 30, lines 1-25).

Barker fails to disclose the following:

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□ a cabinet housing said server group;

- a first network enabled temperature sensor, said first temperature sensor positioned to monitor the temperature of the air at the interior of said cabinet; a second network enabled temperature sensor, said second temperature sensor positioned to monitor the temperature of the air outside said cabinet;
- at least one door included in said cabinet whereby access to said server group is restricted when said doors are in closed position; locks included in said doors whereby said doors may be secured in a closed position, said locks enabled to unlock through an electronic command message from a central information system;
- a data entry device connected to said locks, said data entry device being mounted to said cabinet, said data entry device providing a human interface external to the cabinet enclosure; said locks enabled to be unlocked through said data entry device;
- an alarm in proximity to said server group;
- a network enabled power controller connected to and being configurable to control
 the power of at least one server of said server group, said power controller being
 configurable to accept network commands from a central information system;

Nevertheless, such physical computer room equipment and monitoring mechanisms were well known in the art at the time of the invention, as evidenced by Fowler. In a related art, a method for monitoring computer networks and equipment (abstract). Fowler discloses a cabinet housing a server group (rack, Figure 1, Component 12). Fowler further discloses monitoring the air temperature (Col 7, lines 11-13), an alarm (Col 7, lines 26-27), a camera (Col 7, lines 29-33)

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and a network enabled power controller connected to and being configurable to control the power of at least one server of said server group, said power controller being configurable to accept network commands from a central information system (Col 10, lines 38-41). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate the network monitoring devices disclosed by Fowler within the Barker system in order to alert network administrators to out of limit environmental variables which damage computer equipment (Fowler Col 2, lines 38-40).

Although Fowler fails to disclose at least one door included in said cabinet whereby access to said server group is restricted when said doors are in closed position; locks included in said doors whereby said doors may be secured in a closed position, said locks enabled to unlock through an electronic command message from a central information system; the importance of physically securing computer systems was well known in the art at the time of the invention as disclosed by Fowler (Fowler Col 2, lines 30-31). Further, the Examiner takes official notice that doors containing locally/remotely controllable locks were well known in the art at the time of the invention. Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use industry standard security measures such as placing a door with a locally/remotely controllable lock on the rack disclosed by Fowler, in order to further secure the sever components.

Barker fails to disclose ninth computer readable instructions installed to said memory devices, said ninth instructions providing the function of accepting network parameters that define the boundaries of an enterprise, said ninth instructions also providing the function of discovering enterprise devices through said server network hardware using the network

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parameters. In a related art, Sampson discloses an enterprise management system which provides the function of accepting network parameters that define the boundaries of an enterprise, and discover enterprise devices through said server network hardware using the network parameters (Sampson pg 22-23). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate Sampson's enterprise discovery functionality within Barker system in order to automate the entry and management of enterprise devices (Sampson pg 22).

Regarding the limitation at least two servers providing redundancy of operation, the Examiner takes official notice that it was well known in the art at the time of the invention to use multiple servers in a redundant fashion in order to maintain network sustainability for clients. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use redundant servers in the Barker system in order to maintain network sustainability for clients.

- 20. Regarding claim 12, Barker discloses an information repository collector receiving the information contained in the first messages; and an information repository storing information received by said information repository (Polled Attribute Management Col 25, lines 40-60).
- 21. Regarding claims 13 and 18, Barker further discloses an MIB mapper tool supplying SNMP mappings for said seventh computer readable instructions whereby an enterprise device identifier of the notification channel protocol may be converted to an SNMP OID (Col 19, lines 24-38).
- 22. Regarding claims 14 and 19, Barker discloses an integration tool connected to said MIB mapper tool, said integration tool receiving parameters from an administrator, said integration tool creating MIB entries to the MIB mapper tool (Col 14, lines 11-20).

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23. Regarding claims 15 and 20, Barker discloses a policy repository connected to said integration tool, said policy repository supplying typified policy for newly entered enterprise devices by said integration tool (Col 14, lines 35-49).

24. Regarding claims 16 and 21, Barker discloses a trap manager connected to said central information system, said trap manager generating enterprise device status requests for unrecoverable trap events (Col 21, lines 1-23).

Conclusion

- 25. The prior art made of record, in PTO-892 form, and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.
- 26. This office action is made NON-FINAL.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sean Reilly whose telephone number is 571-272-4228. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-5.

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